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KO et al.)
Application No: 09/895,566)
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DETECTION AND METHODS FOR)
IMPLEMENTING THE SAME)

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REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed on September 12, 2003, please enter the following remarks in the above-identified patent application:

Listing of claims begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.